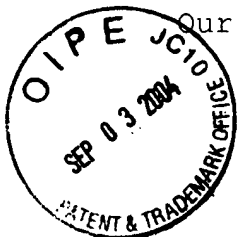


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ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to an image forming apparatus, without traverse.